Industries in the infrastructure sector

*67. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of proposed industries to be set up in Assam in the infrastructure sector in recent future; and

(b) what are the details of such industries in other States of the North-Eastern region?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Comprehensive data with regard to industries proposed to be set up in the infrastructure sector is not centrally maintained in the Ministry of Industry. However, information is available with regard to applications for Letter of Intent (LOI) and Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) filed by entrepreneurs for setting up various industries. IEMs envisage setting up various industries and it is not always possible to clearly relate them to one or the other infrastructure. This is because infrastructure is a very diverse term. Units being set up by entrepreneurs with reference to Letters of Intent and Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum are in diverse fields such as coke, portland and other cements, cold rolled steel sheets, industrial gases, chemicals and products of oil exploration and refining etc. The IEMs filed for the State of Assam for August, 1991 to June, 1996 along with the proposed investment and anticipated employment generation are as follows:

No. of IEMs	Investment (in crores)	Employment Generation (No. of persons)
47	1603	5356

Of the above IEMs, 14 IEMs pertain to the year 1995-96 with proposed investment of Rs. 756 crores and employment potential of 1614 persons.

Details of Letters of Intents granted for the State of Assam are given at Statement I (*See* below).

The position of IEMs filed for the North-Eastern States other than Assam along with the proposed investment and employment potential for the period August, 1991 to June 1996 is as follows:

Name of State	No. of IEMs	Proposed Investment	Employment Generation
Meghalaya	5	226	754
Tripura	1	2	45
Arunachal Pradesh	1	35	23
TOTAL:	7	263	802

Of the above IEMs, 3 IEMs proposing n investment of Rs. 193 crores with otential employment generation for 322 ersons pertain to the year 1995-96. All ıe 3 IEMs pertain to the State of leghalaya.

During the period August, 1991 to June, 1996 2 LOIs have been granted in respect of North-Eastern States other than Assam. This relate to the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Details of Letters of Intent granted for the North-East States other than Assam are given at Statement II.

Statement-I

Assam State LOIs issued during the period August, 1991 to June, 1996

Sl. No.	Name of Party	Location	Item of Mfg.	Capacity	LI No. and date
Assam					
1.	Assam Petrochem (NU)	Kamrup	Grease	480000 Kilo gm.	LI: 122/1992 Dt. 9/3/92
2.	IBP Co. Ltd. (NU)	Golaghat	Refined Petroleum	3000000 Tonnes	LI: 378/1992 dt. 22/7/92
3.	Ramesh Ch. Sarmah Assam Concrete Pipes & Industries (NU)	INDL. Dev. Area Guwahati	Calcined Petroleum Coke	12000 tonnes	LI: 39/1993 dt. 18/1/93
4.	Assam Industrial Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	Assam	Benezene etc.	150000 Tonnes	LI: 16/1993 dt. 12/1/93
5.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.	Bongaigaon	Refinery Crude	2350000 MT	LI: 190/1993 dt. 10/5/93
6.	Indian Oil Corpn. Ltd., Assam	Digboi	Motor Spirit etc.	650000 Tonnes	LI: 224/1994 dt. 8/4/94
7.	Universal Alloys & Steels Pvt. Ltd. (NU)	Guwahati	Calcined Petroleum Coke	45000 MT	LI: 390/1994 dt. 12/8/94

Statement-II

LOIs issued for other North-East States during the period August, 1991 to June, 1996

Sl. No.	Name of Party	Location	Item of Mfg.	Capacity	LI No. and date
Arunachal Pradesh					
1.	Chow Mahana Mantaw M/s. Mantaw Veneer Mill	Lohit	Plywood Products	1200000 Sq. Mts.	LI: 434/1994 Dt. 21/9/94
2.	Main Wood Products Chowtewamein (NU)	Lohit	All types of Plywood Products	1200000 sq. mts.	LI: 485/1994 dt. 9/11/94

VRS in Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

*68. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Voluntary Retirement Scheme has been introduced for employees in the Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.;

(b) if so, the number of employees who have opted for it upto March, 1995;

(c) whether any modification has been made in the matter of payment of 3 months' salary for each completed year of service instead of 1½ months' salary for each completed year of service applicable to the employees governed by this scheme;